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7 INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP,  
8 LLC,  
9 Plaintiff,  
10 v.  
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12 QUEST TRUST COMPANY,  
13 Defendant.

14 Case No.21-cv-00537-NC  
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16 **ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY  
17 CASE SHOULD NOT BE  
18 REMANDED**

19 Re: ECF 1  
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21 Defendant Quest Trust Company removed this case from Monterey County  
22 Superior Court on January 22, 2021. ECF 1. In its removal notice, Quest alleges that  
23 removal is proper based on diversity jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332. ECF 1 at 2.  
24 However, in reaching this conclusion Quest incorrectly applied the corporation citizenship  
25 test to Plaintiff Independent Financial Group, a limited liability company. ECF 1 at 2, 7.  
26 LLCs are treated like partnerships for the purposes of diversity jurisdiction. *See Johnson*  
27 *v. Columbia Props. Anchorage, LP*, 437 F.3d 894, 899 (9th Cir. 2006). As such, Quest  
28 should have listed the citizenship of all of IFG's members and then evaluated diversity.  
*See* 15A Moore's Federal Practice - Civil § 102.57 (2020).

Accordingly, the Court ORDERS Quest to show cause in writing why this case  
should not be remanded by February 10, 2021. The Court also ORDERS all parties to  
consent or decline the jurisdiction of a magistrate judge by February 5, 2021. ECF 4.

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1           **IT IS SO ORDERED.**  
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NATHANAEL M. COUSINS  
United States Magistrate Judge